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You never know...

It is amazing how God chooses to work through us when we open our hearts in conversation with people. An ongoing joke with my friends, and some colleagues, is that I seem to know people almost everywhere I go. Well, there are a couple of pieces to that. One is that I have lived in quite a few places and worked in several different facets of ministry. Two is that God created me to be a “say hi first” kind of person. I love meeting new people and hearing their stories about the ups and downs, adventures and rough spots of life, and how that plays out in their current situation. Many times, I’ve been blessed to pray with these people and God solidifies the connection a bit more. *You never know* how the Holy Spirit is working to connect us in this vast world of 8.2 billion people, all created in His image. Mission and outreach work does not just happen in a committee meeting inside your church building, but also in the everyday encounters we have. Your life is mission and outreach in action! *You never know* whose life you may impact through your words or actions or, on the flip side, how an interaction with someone may positively influence your attitude or day. I’m sure we’ve all heard the saying “a smile is contagious.” In my life experience, that is true. Positive contagions also are kind words, a true helping hand, a response that lets someone hold onto their dignity, and so many other little interactions we may not even be aware of. *You never know* how the light of our Risen Savior may be touching someone else’s life as it shines out of you. Be bold!

